

**BOD 2020-2021 – 4R**

**Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up roughly 23% of California State University, East Bay undergraduate students, making this demographic the second largest population;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, “The Bay Area is home to around 500,000 Filipinos, according to the 2017 American Community Survey, which represents 12% of the entire 4 million Filipinos in the United States,”<sup>2</sup> making up many of the friends and family who support our East Bay community and have ties back in the Philippines, and

**WHEREAS**, students are becoming increasingly concerned with the violence associated with the Philippine government’s drug war and recognize the inhumane treatment and injustices driven by the Philippine government’s War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act, resulting in over 27,000 deaths thus far, and

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA) strives: “to suspend United States security assistance with the Philippines until such time as human rights violations by Philippine security forces cease and the responsible state forces are held accountable;”<sup>3</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Facts*. Retrieved from: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/facts.html>

<sup>2</sup> NBC Bay Area. *Filipino Community Forms Bay Area Filipino Complete Count Committee Ahead of Census 2020* <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/community/filipino-community-forms/2151844/>

<sup>3</sup> Philippine Human Rights Act. Retrieved from: <https://humanrightspn.org/>



**WHEREAS**, in 2016, “the U.S. helped inaugurate Duterte’s drug war by giving \$32 million to the Philippine police (supposedly for “training and services” in “policing standards” and “rule of law,” besides equipment). In July 2018, the United States announced an additional \$26.5 million in U.S. tax dollars to beef up support for Philippine police, in the name of “counter-terrorism;”<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Terror Bill allows the Philippine government absolute power to define terrorism and carry out warrantless arrests of suspected terrorists including US travelers and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, this issue directly impacts our students because US taxpayer funds are bankrolling a growing human rights issue when they could be redirected to supporting our education system, institutional support, healthcare and other social services in the US; be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, California State University, East Bay’s Associated Students Incorporated fully endorses the Philippine Human Rights Act and will lobby with elected officials to show support of, as well as collaborating with AAPI organizations to create resources and spread awareness for the campaign; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI allows the usage of its logo on the campaign website, and any other outlets affiliated with supporting the Philippine Human Rights Act; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI condemns the unjust actions fueled by the Philippine War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI condemns the decision to send US Taxpayer money to the Philippine military and police; and let it be further

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<sup>4</sup> Foreign Policy in Focus, *It’s Time to End US Military Aid to the Philippines*. Retrieved from: <https://fpif.org/its-time-to-end-u-s-military-aid-to-the-philippines/>



**RESOLVED**, CSUEB ASI embraces diversity and fair human rights for all individuals, and continue to compile resources for the Filipinx-American community to publicly support the Philippine Human Rights Act; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Bob Hertzberg, Congressman Brad Hertzberg, Congressman Eric Swalwell, the CSU Board of Trustees, Office of the CSU Chancellor, Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Diversity, Diversity and Inclusion Center, Office of International Students, California State Student Association, University of California Student Association, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

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Approved On: Wednesday, August 26, 2020

ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] *approves* / [ ] *refuses to approve* this resolution.


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